

REMARKS

Applicants would like to supplement the response mailed on September 20, 2003 with this paper. Claims 1-18 are in the case. Claims 5-7, 12-14, 16, and 18 were rejected and claims 1-4, 8-12, 15, and 17 stand allowed. Applicants have canceled claims 5-7, 12-14, 16, and 18. Applicants have added claims 19-21 which depend from allowed claims. Allowed claim 8 was amended to correct an inadvertent spelling error. In addition, Applicants have re-presented claims cancelled in the response mailed on September 20, 2003. Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-4, 8-11, 15, 17, 19-27 are patentable in view of the cited references for the reasons set forth below.

Rejections of claims 5-7, 12-14, 16, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Campbell et al.

Applicants have canceled claims 5-7, 12-14, 16, and 18 and placed the features of the canceled claims 5 and 12 in new claims dependent on allowed claims. For instance, the new claim 19 includes a comparator found previously in claims 5 and 12. As claims 19-21 depend on allowed claims, Applicant therefore asserts that claims 19-21 are in condition for allowance.

Re-presented claims 22-27

Applicants have included in re-presented independent claims 22 and 25 substantially similar patentable elements to those recited in allowed independent claims 1 and 8. In addition, claims 22 and 25 include a comparator. Claim 22 is directed toward a system and claim 25 is directed toward an article of manufacture. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 22 and 25 are allowable for at least the same reasons as allowed independent claims 1 and 8. Dependent claims 23-24 and 26-27 are allowable because they depend from allowable independent claims 22 and 25.

Accordingly, Applicant asserts that claims 1-4, 8-11, 15, 17, 19-27 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests prompt allowance of the pending claims.


In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediments to the prompt allowance of

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any of these claims which could be clarified in a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully urged to initiate the same with the undersigned.

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